intention of doing so. Haryana has the matter under review.

(e) No, Sir.

Right to Information Act

1062. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Right to Information Act as passed by the Parliament has been fully enforced across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to remove the impediments in the effective implementation of the provision of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The RTI Act, 2005 has come into force across the country except Jammu & Kashmir w.e.f. 12th October, 2005. A Central Information Commission has been set up with defined powers and functions under the Act.

Seeking of information in file notings

1063. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission in its recent sitting has ruled that, file notings were an integral part of a file and that a citizen has the right to seek information in file notings, save under section 8 of the law;

(b) if so, whether this ruling goes beyond the directives of the Prime Minister to release substantive file notings relating only to developmental and social issues; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Central Information Commission in Appeal No. ICPB/A-I/CIC/

2006 dated 31/1/2006 has held that file notings are not, as a matter of law, exempt from disclosure.

(b) and (c) After consideration of the various aspects of the issue, the Government is of the view that substantive file notings on certain aspects relating to social and developmental issues may be disclosed. Modalities in this regard, are being worked out and while doing so, the decision of the CIC will be kept in view.

Awareness of new information law

1064. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking a campaign to make the general public aware of the new information law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the RTI Act, 2005 coming into force, nationwide publicity was mounted to sensitize the public.

(c) Does not arise.

Trusts and foundations by IAS officers

1065. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAS, IPS and other officers are given permission by Government to start trusts and foundations directly or indirectly;

(b) if so, the details of this policy;

(c) whether Government imposes any flexible conditions to help such officers who are so keen and helpful to the common man;

(d) to what extent Government have been lax in this matter; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to review the entire matter of encouraging and giving help to such officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The respective Conduct Rules of the All India Services and